

1.04

PAID LEGO Direc

All NEW Classics!

mailbag

BAAAAAAACK!

Redini, where have you been???

A True LEGO® Fan

After so many years of answering questions, I decided I needed to take some time to find myself.
Unfortunately, all I could find was my head – my body is still missing! So I came back to see if I might have left it around here somewhere...

How do they put those tiny logos on the LEGO Minifigures? Anthony, 9

Very carefully! See, once LEGO Minifigures are molded, they're taken to a LEGO factory where faces and logos are painted on by a "decorating machine." This is also where heads get matched up with bodies (I was out sick that day!)

Why do you make a "You Can Build This" page? Joshua, 5

Well, Joshua, I get lots of letters every month from Club members wondering what they should build next. "You Can Build This" is one way to show them how to build cool new things! If you like building with LEGO bricks, be sure to check out the STAR WARS" MINI ideas and the Petey the Parrot building steps in this issue!

Wanted: Your Expert Opinion

When it comes to improving LEGO® magazine, your opinion really does matter. So please take a few minutes to log on to the www.LEGOclub.com and let us known.

www.LEGOclub.com and let us know which parts of this issue you enjoyed the most!



NOW THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEND ME YOUR LEGO QUESTIONS. VISIT MY HIDEAWAY AT THE LEGO CLUB WEB SITE TO ASK

AT THE LEGO CLUB WEB SITE TO ASP YOUR QUESTIONS, OR WRITE THEM DOWN AND MAIL THEM TO ME!

> TO ASK ONLINE OG ON TO THE LEGO CLUB WEBSI AND ENTER THE SPECIAL CODE:



REDINI

WWW.LEGOCLUB.COM

TO ASK BY MAIL MAIL YOUR QUESTION, ALONG WITH YOUR NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS TO:

LEGO MAILBAG P.O. BOX 1308 ENFIELD, CT 06083-1308

LIGO TOUR A FESTIVAL OF BUILDING FUN

They Came, They Saw... They Created!

The LEGO® "What Will You Make, America?" Tour was on the road from June through November, bringing a truckload of building fun to families all across the United States. Each tour stop featured exciting building contests and model showcases, along with a LEGO Construction Zone for kids of all ages.

Local LEGO fans in every town displayed their finest creations, everything from trains and towns to robots and roller coasters. Lots of kids even had a chance to get their best models reviewed by a real LEGO MasterBuilder!

All in all, more than 180,000 LEGO models were created during the tour. How many is that? If you were to build one LEGO model each day, it would take nearly 500 years to reach that number! Better start building!









THE ASTROBOT DIARIES

The ongoing adventures of Sandy Moondust and Biff Starling, Astrobot explorers aboard the two NASA Mars Exploration Rover (MER) spacecraft. The following transmissions were picked up on January 3, 2004:

Sandy: Well, Biff, the wait is almost over for you. Your spacecraft should hit the upper Martian atmosphere in just a few minutes. How do you feel? Nervous? Scared?

Who me? Yeah, right. Actually, I kind of wish you were going to be the first Astrobot on Mars.

Sandy: You should start to decelerate as soon as your heat shield encounters the Martian atmosphere. Then it's parachutes, thrusters, airbags, a few kilometers of bouncing – and you and the Spirit Rover are safely on Mars.

This is going to be one awesome ride, shooting the Martian curl on the ultimate interplanetary surfboard... Whoa! Things are starting to heat up outside. Here I gooooooooo!!!!!!!!



Find out what happens to Biff next at:

http://redrovergoestomars.org/astrobots

where you can also track
Sandy's landing starting
January 24. The Astrobots are
part of The Planetary Society's
Red Rover Goes to Mars
project, created in partnership
with the LEGO Company.



sneak preview

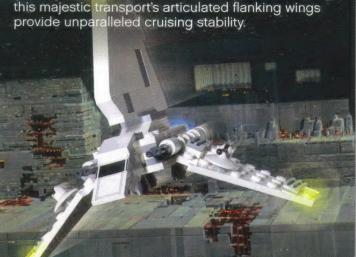
4492 MINI Star Destroyer™

A marvel of advanced technology and a testament to the Empire's might, the Imperial Star Destroyer inspires awe and terror throughout the galaxy.



4494 MINI Imperial Shuttle™

The regally appointed shuttle of Emperor Palantine, this majestic transport's articulated flanking wings



4493 MINI Sith Inflitrator™

Darth Maul's menacing starship features an amazing and terrifying technological wonder - a full-effect cloaking device that delivers instant invisibility on command!



Get Four, Build More!

Combine the elements from these new MINIs to create your own fantastic fleet of STAR WARS, spacecraft. You'll find detailed building instructions for these special STAR WARS mini-models at www.LEGOclub.com.



MINI AT-PT/R - All Terrain Personal Transport/Reconnaissance

This Imperial walker is equipped with next generation noise dampeners and prototype



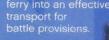
MINI R-3 Scout

The covert intelligence workhorse of the Republic fleet, the R-3 was used to scout out enemy positions



MINI Trade Federation Medium Transport After-market deflector shields and laser

cannons transform this simple delegate









STAR WARS™ X-Wing Fighter™: From Movie to Model!

Ever wonder how LEGO® model designers turn your favorite STAR WARS® vehicles into sets you can build at home? We talked to LEGO product designer Jens Kronvold Frederiksen to get the story behind the X-wing Fighter and other great Star Wars models:

O. How long have you been designing LEGO Star Wars models?

Jens. I've been working on LEGO Star Wars since 2000. I've been involved in developing most of the models, and have designed about 25 models myself, among them the Geonosian" Fighter, the TIE Bomber", and the Yoda" and Darth Mauil sculptures.

Q. How does a LEGO Star Wars building set go From "movie to model"?

A. First we make a sketch model, which takes about a week or so to complete. After that, we build a LOT of versions to make sure that everything looks authentic, the functions all work right, the model doesn't fall apart—all those key things that make LEGO models so unique and special. Once it's approved by Lucas Licensing, copies are made to use for creating building instructions and packaging, and for designing the alternate models.

Q. How hard is it to create a model based on a Star Wars vehicle?

A. It depends on how complex the vehicle is. It helps that the design is already given. But sometimes, like in Episode I, the vehicles are very round and organic, and that is difficult to duplicate in LEGO elements. Most of the vehicles in the classic Star Wars movies, like the X-wing Fighter, are more angular and easier to design.

Q. What reference materials do you use in designing LEGO Star Wars models?

A. The most essential reference is the movie in which the model appears. We watch all the Star Wars films again and again. And again! We also have a lot of books and special access to official reference pictures from Lucasfilm. Sometimes these reveal hidden details that are hard to see in the movie!

Jens and his team are hard at work now designing future LEGO Star Wars models. Keep building and someday you might be

a LEGO model designer too!

Visit the new STAR WARS website to see the X-wing Fighter" in scenes From the movie!

CUDcode
STARWARS
www.LEGOclub.com







LEGO® STAR WARS™ Minifigure Concentration

A sneak peek at some of the new STAR WARS Minifigures for 2004!

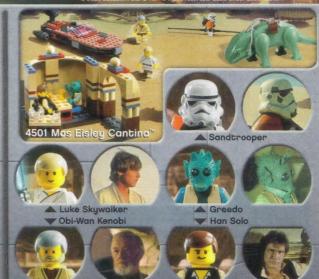
Here's a game to help you and your friends develop your Jedi mind control. Clip out all the pictures, place them face down and mix them up. Now take turns, first flipping one picture over then immediately trying to turn over the matching minifigure or movie photo. Each time a player succeeds, he collects those two pictures. Once all the photos have been matched up, the player with the most pictures wins. May the Force be with you!













MOS EISLEY (ANTINA!

When you're on Tatooine for pleasure or Imperial business, be sure to stop by Chalmun's Mos Eisley Cantina! Voted "Best Place to Hire a Smuggler" three years in a row!



Located in the heart of downtown Mos Eisley!
Private booths!
Lots of parking for your landspeeder!
Sandtrooper security staff!
Live music nightly by Figrin D'an and the Modal Nodes!
Best food and drink under the suns!
No droids allowed!









YOU THINK THEY ARE!

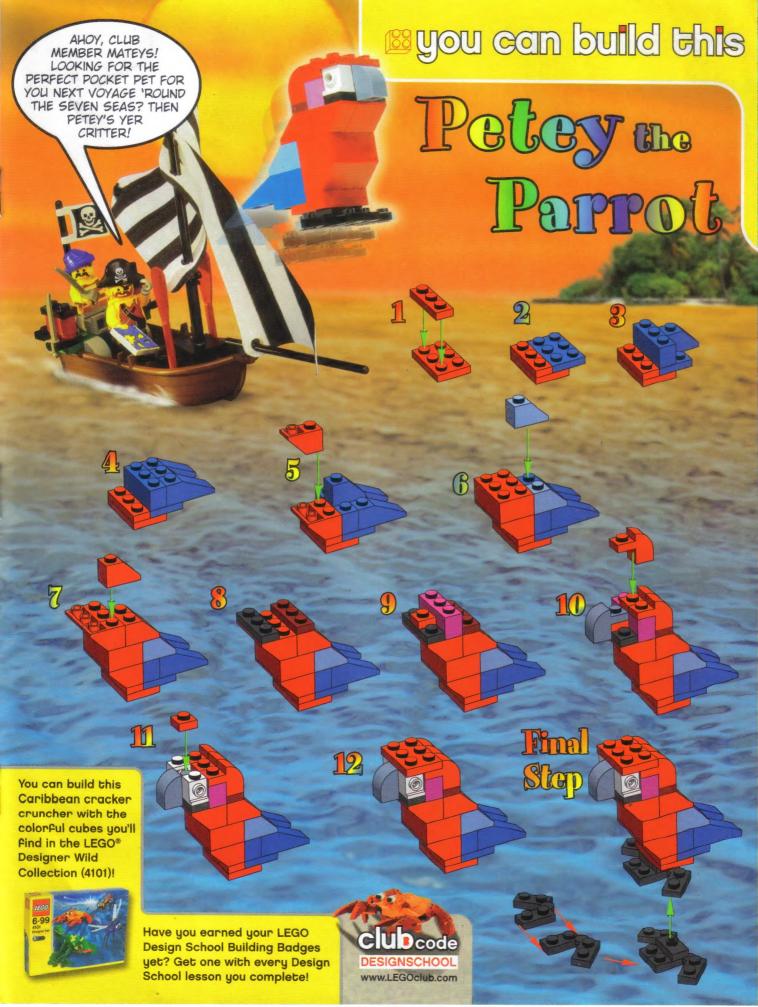
GOOD QUESTION, STRETCH! THINK YOU CAN IDENTIFY THESE STRANGE SHAPES HOVERING OVER WORLD CITY?

LOG ON TO WWW.LEGOCLUB.COM AND TELL US WHAT

CUDoode WHATIZZIT

YEAH, BUT I THINK WE JUST FOUND A NEW MYSTERY. WHAT ARE

THOSE ???



Share your Pantastic LEGO® creations with Pellow

Se

Club members!

Send a photo of your model to:

Cool Creations

LEGO® Club P.O. Box 1308 Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Remember to include your name, address, age and model name. And be sure to take an extra picture For your personal LEGO scrapbook!



Metro Center Train Station Jason Koczur, 28

See more Cool Creations built by kids just like you at www.LEGOclub.com - the official Website of the LEGO Club.

COOLCREATIONS

www.LEGOclub.com



I Love LEGO

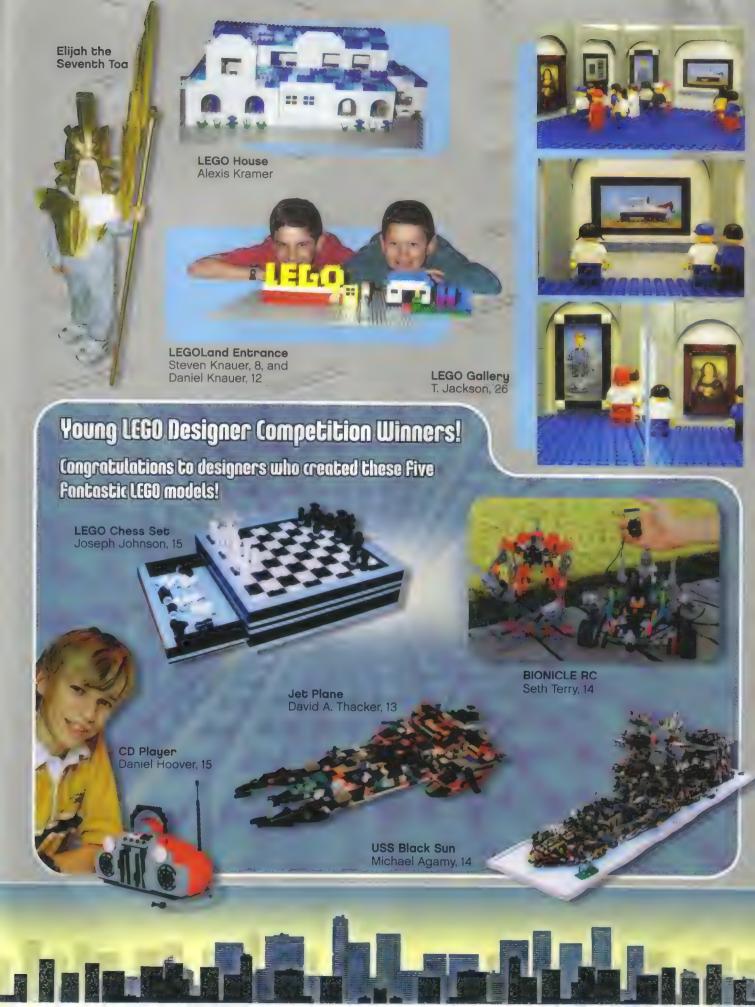
Bobby Davis, 8

The Sutherland III Aircraft David Hamberg, 11



The Construction Site

Jason White



Toa Onewa is the protector of Po-Metru, home of the carvers. Using his proto pitons, the Toa of stone guards the Sculpture Fields and other important Po-Metru sites.

of the metru.



Toa Vaka 8601







Toa Whenua

0

Unlock the Secrets of BIONICLE!

 \otimes 3

×

to Matoran.

BIONICLE. Different codes have different point values, and the enough points, you can unlock special secret information on code you enter is worth Bionicle points - when you have secrets! Go to www.BIDNICLE.com and enter the codes you find on your Kanoka disks. Each Now you can use them to discover BIONICLE Matoran all over Metru Nui use Kanoka disks arer the disk, the more points you can earn! ike the one pictured for sport and defense.

EGO Club Exclusive Kanoka Disk Code

information on the Kanoka disks, check card in each 2004 Toa Metru set worth Use the exclusive LEGO Club Kanoka And be sure to look for a Toa Metru out this month's BIONICLE comic. disk code below to get started. 180 Kanoka points! For more



\$0000 BOODD SOO BOODD BOOM

building challenge

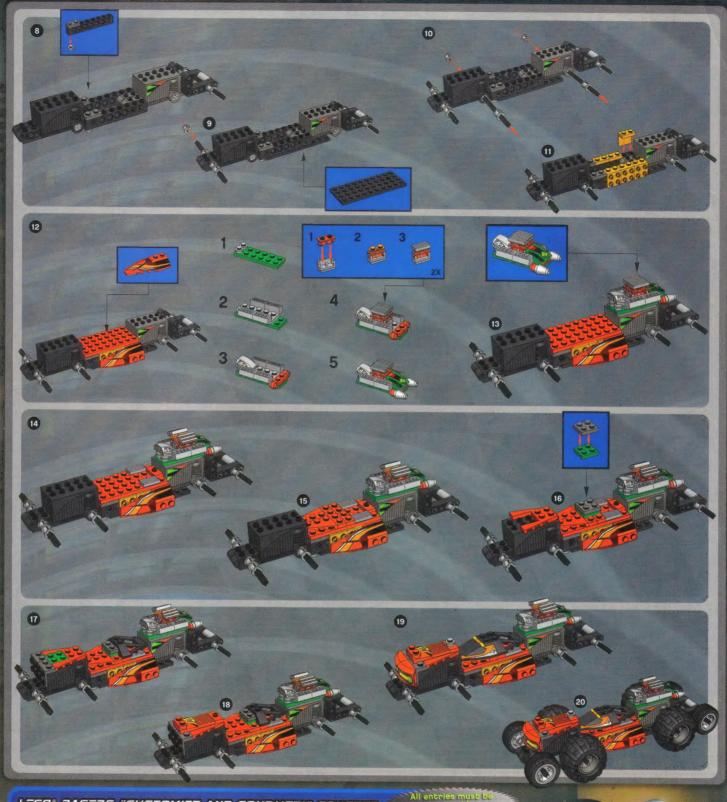


CUSTOMIZE AND CONQUER! WITH LEGO® PACERS

What makes LEGO Racers different from all those other model racers out there? The power of customized performance! Each LEGO Racer can be built and rebuilt in unlimited ways to conquer the competition on any type of track or terrain! With a LEGO Racer, you're the designer, the pit crew and the driver! Want to hold that wheelie a little longer? Try shifting a

few bricks to the back. Need better handling for hairpin turns? Pop on some LEGO racing slicks! Want to fly higher off that ramp? Just add some high traction off-road tires! LEGO Racers puts you in complete control of how your car performs—just like a pro motorsports team.





LEGO" RACERS "CUSTOMIZE AND CONQUER!" CONTEST

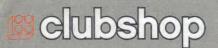
Think you know what it takes to nab the checkered flag? Use your LEGO collection to customize a car that meets the demands of championship racing! You could win a set of 6 new LEGO Racers!

- Rules
 1. Think of a challenge that relates to either on-track of off-road racing. It should be something that a real racing team might face during competition: slippery, wet tracks, curvy mountain roads, hairpin turns, rugged terrain, quicker acceleration— you decide!
 2. Using only LEGO parts, design a car that's custom-built to handle the challenge you've selected.
 3. Take a color photo of your model. (No polaroids or digital photos, please!)
 4. On a piece of paper or a 3x5 card, write your name, age, mailing address, and phone number and explain (in 25 words or less) just how the your custom car will conquer the challenge you've selected.
 5. Mail your photo and written information to.
 1. EGO Control Control Control
- 5. Mail your photo and written information to:

 EGO Customize and Conquer! Contest
 PO. Box 1625
 EnPield, CT 06082-1625

Check out the latest LEGO Regames and downloads!





For the World's Biggest LEGO® Shop visit www.LEGOshop.com

Order today!
Call 1-800-453-4652

Or use the envelope and order form included to order by mail.



To order, call 1-800-453-4652 24 hours a day

Please make check or money order payable to LEGO® Shop At Home.

Item #	Description	Qty	Price	Total
#8601	Toa Vakama		\$7.99	
#8603	Toa Whenua		\$7.99	
#K8601	Toa Metru Fire & Earth Kit	3.0	\$15.98	
Places do not sand each)			Subtotal	

(Please do not send cash.)
*Please allow 2 weeks for
delivery. Offer good through
3/31/04 or while supplies last.

Subtotal (Connecticuit residents, please add 6% sales tax) Regular Shipping (special for this Club offer only)

offer only) \$2.95

Please print:

100% LEGO Quality and Service Guarantee

We believe our toys and our service must live up to your highest expectations. If for any reason you're not satisfied with your order, just return it to us for replacement, exchange or a prompt refund.

Mail To:

LEGO® Club P.O. Box 1308 Enfield, CT 06083-1308

are trademarks of the LEGO Group.

lame	
Address	
City	State
Zip	
Daytime Phone () _	
MasterCard	TISAT NOVEL NOVEL
Account Number	Expiration Date Extra 3 digits MO. / YR. Par Discover Cards only.
Signature	Cardholder's signature
Printed Name	
	ase print name of Cardholder
Address of Cardholder	

LEGO, the LEGO logo, LEGOLAND, the LEGOLAND logo, BIONICLE and the BIONICLE logo are trademarks of the LEGO Group. © 2003 The LEGO Group.